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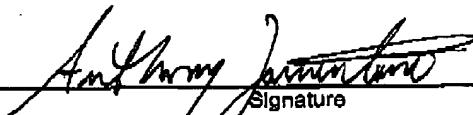
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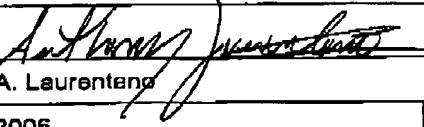
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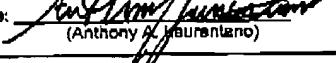
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ELECTROLYTE

Examiner: L. S. Weiner

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Restriction Requirement mailed on March 29, 2006.

The Examiner has required restriction among each of the following groups of species of the claimed invention in the above-identified application:

A) For the basic polymer: polymer of Formula (1), polymer of Formula (2), polymer of Formula (3), polymer of Formula (4), and polybenzimidazole.

B) For the material that has at least one lone pair: a compound having nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compound group, a compound having amino group, a compound having imino group, and a nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compound.

Accordingly, Applicant hereby elects polybenzimidazole as the basic polymer and a nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compound as the material that has at least one lone pair. Applicant further elects a proton conductive solid polymer electrolyte including

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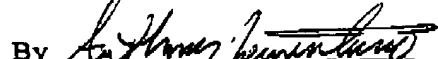
polybenzimidazole as the basic solid polymer with the material as imidaazole, as a single disclosed species. Claims 4, 7, 13, and 14 are readable on this species. Claims 1-3, 5, and 6 are generic to all species. Applicant respectfully notes that all of these claims are readable on the elected species.

If further issues persist, or the Examiner has any questions regarding this communication, please call Applicants' representative at the number set forth below.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this statement. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. TOW-032 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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